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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(3) Brenda Leeds Binder.

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Date of Interview: 03 December 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1-85.

Identification of prior art discussed: Ocali (USPN 5,928,145) and Halperin (USPN 6,701,176).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant proposed amendments to the claims in order to overcome the previous rejection (see attachment for draft version of proposed amendments). Applicant contends that the distinguishing feature over the prior art is that, in the inventive system, while one conductor occludes and/or ablates the target tissue, the second conductor continuously images. Examiner notes that the Ocali antenna are capable of both receiving and emitting MR signals (col. 17 lines 54-59) with simultaneous ablation (Abstract), which reads upon the claimed first and second conductors, and Halperin additionally teaches simultaneous imaging and local enhancement of the image (Figs. 1 & 2, col. 5 lines 43-60). Applicant suggested that the combination of the two references would constitute improper hindsight, however Examiner maintains that the combination would in fact be proper as both references are directed towards the same field of endeavor of MR imaging and ablation catheters.